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## RE-OPENING OF STREETS IS DEBATED

Discussion of the opening of streets which are public property but are now in private use occupied a considerable portion of the time at last night's meeting of the board of city trustees. There are several cases in town where portions of streets shown on the official map are not now open to the public. The particular point at issue in the discussion last night was that portion of Ramona avenue lying between Sunnyside and Sierra Madre avenues. It runs through property owned by Dr. Shaw, and although the street was laid out there when the property was subdivided by W. S. Andrews that particular portion of the street has since been planted to orange trees and is to all appearance a portion of the Shaw property.

Dr. Shaw appeared before the trustees last night to ask that action taken some time since toward reopening of the street be held up. He said he could see no need of opening the street now as it would not benefit anyone in particular. He suggested that the logical thing would be to open a street north and south as far as Central avenue and intimated that he expected to so divide his property, though the trustees seemed to think the opening of the block to the north of his property was unlikely. Dr. Shaw pointed out the fact that portions of other streets are in the same status as this one, being now devoted to private uses, and thought it unfair to single out Ramona avenue. The trustees assured him that where such conditions existed they would be taken up very soon, with a view to giving the public the free use of all public streets within the city. However, final action was deferred thirty days.

### Culvert Contract

Harvey Steinberger was awarded the contract for construction of a culvert across Grand View avenue between Adams and Lima streets, his bid of \$225 being the lowest of the three bids submitted. The culvert is needed to carry off storm water and particular stress was laid upon the necessity for speed to prevent damage in case of storm while the construction work is in progress.

W. P. Caley appeared to request when the line of the Mt. Wilson Trail is established that the course be changed for a few yards at the entrance so as to prevent cutting off a small corner of the property owned by him and rendering it useless. The present trail crosses his property and the trustees have decided to declare the trail a public highway forty feet in width in accordance with the width established by county ordinance on that portion of the trail lying beyond the city limits. Mr. Caley asked that the center line of the trail at the point where it leaves Mira Monte avenue be located on the dividing line between his property and the reservoir site adjoining which belongs to the city. The route of the trail will not be materially affected. The request was granted.

Some persons have the mistaken idea that the establishment of the trail as a public highway of standard width would necessarily be followed by the improvement of the trail as a road. The action is intended merely to officially locate the trail so that it would be available for highway purposes in case improvement was ever thought advisable, and to let owners of property on either side of the trail know just where their property lines lie.

Trustee Moote was unable to be present at the meeting. He is still confined to his home by a severe attack of rheumatism.

### ESTOPPEY RUNNING AGAIN

Another Mount Wilson running record was established last week by Eugene Estoppey of Coronado, when he ran up the toll road, a distance of nine and one-half miles, in one hour and forty-three minutes. Without stopping, he returned down the trail, getting to the bottom an hour and four minutes later, making a total of two hours and forty-seven minutes for the round trip.

Estoppey ran into a snowstorm three miles from the summit, and thinks he would have made better time if it had not been for this. To show that he suffered no evil effects from the physical strain, the man cooked a chicken dinner for six people after he came down the mountain.

Mr. Estoppey is 43 years old. He holds the Richard K. Fox diamond medal for running 1000 miles in 1000 hours, at Venice, in 1910, a record that has never been equaled. Several years ago he made four round trips over the Sierra Madre Mount Wilson trail in fourteen hours, which stands as a record. Richard K. Fox, through his son C. J. Fox, presented the runner with a trophy for his achievement last week. C. J. Fox and H. E. Dingman were timers at the foot of the trail and W. E. Cory, manager of the Mount Wilson hotel, and Waldo Throop were timers at the top.

## TIME + MONEY + WORRY

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The Shop Early campaign is not new, but it needs recruits. Enlist under the banner of the thoughtful. You help others and you help yourself if you

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#### SIERRA MADRE RAINFALL

| 1914.                     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| October .....             | 83  |
| November .....            | 11  |
| December 1 .....          | 64  |
| December 4 .....          | 64  |
| December 5 .....          | 65  |
| December 10 to noon ..... | 43  |
| December 10 to noon ..... | 43  |
| Total to date .....       | 219 |

For corresponding period last year, 4.06.

Average rainfall for the month of December over twenty-six years, 3.59.

Heaviest December rainfall, over same period, in 1889, 19.33. No rain in December, 1906, 1901 and 1903.

#### WATCH FOR HOBOS

The annual influx of men looking for work and of men who wouldn't work if they had a chance is now at its height. They are coming from all over the country to enjoy the same climate which attracts the millionaires and those in all stages between. As a rule, Sierra Madre is out of the line of march of the hobos because of being somewhat off the main railway and highway lines. But they are so numerous this season that more than ever before are coming to town. When a man really wants work it is a laudable thing to help him in any way possible. But the other kind who want food and clothing without work deserve nothing and should be watched. Numerous cases of petty depredation have been reported and it is best not to leave things lying around loose that might be easily carried off and turned into cash. Moreover, it is well to look out for itinerant peddlers and tinkers who want to mend things. Some are alright, and others use their alleged trade as a means to spying out the location and easiest method of reaching articles of value, to be secured on a later trip. People who habitually leave their houses unlocked should change their habits, to prevent hobos gaining easy entrance and pulling off a daylight burglary stunt.

#### ANOTHER MOUNTAIN LION

Killing a mountain lion with a charge of number 6 bird shot from a single barrel shot gun was the unique experience of Charles Pratt of Monrovia this week. Pratt had purchased a new gun and went up into Clamshell canyon to try it out. Mountain lions were far from his thoughts until he heard a commotion and saw one of the big cats scrambling up the canyon wall about 75 feet from him. Having but little idea that the fine bird shot would stop the lion, he fired and brought the beast rolling down the slope, and into the stream. It was an anxious moment while he fished more shells out of his pocket so he could put some more lead into the plunging, snarling beast, which was soon still. It was afterwards found that one of the tiny pellets had entered the brain through the ear, which probably caused death. The killing of two mountain lions near Monrovia recently is thought by hunters to afford a clue to the scarcity of deer on the front side of the range this season. Clamshell canyon empties into the Big Santa Anita and a lion might easily range from there well over toward Sierra Madre.

#### DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The Democratic Club met last week with S. R. Norris and talked over the recent election and the factors which inspire loyal Democrats with hopes for President Wilson's re-election in 1916. The club is planning to have women take a share in its affairs. The matter of securing a centrally located room for headquarters is under consideration. Those wishing to be enrolled among the faithful have been requested to hand their names to S. R. Norris, president; L. E. Steinberger, central committeeman, or W. H. Stubbins, secretary.

## FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

### Annual Christmas Parties for Children at the Club House.

In accordance with their custom the ladies of the Sierra Madre Woman's Club will entertain the children of Sierra Madre this year. But on account of the increased number to be provided for it has been decided to give two children's parties instead of one. General arrangements this year are in charge of Mrs. Harriet S. Wright.

All children of ten years and under will be entertained at the clubhouse on Friday, December 18. Children over ten years of age will be entertained on Monday, December 21. These children's parties have been among the finest things of the year, both for the youngsters and for the spectators. It is the plan to have every child in Sierra Madre invited for the afternoon's festivities. A flower show presents a beautiful sight, but not to be compared with that presented by the clubhouse full of children radiant with Christmas happiness. The event always draws a number of spectators as well as those ladies who have a hand in providing the entertainment.

It is the wish of the ladies that no child in Sierra Madre be overlooked. Persons knowing of newcomers or other children who seem likely to be unknown to the committee are requested to send the names to Mrs. Wright, in order that they may receive invitations.

#### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church of the Ascension, the Rev. Dr. George H. Cornell, rector. Vested choir. Third Sunday in Advent. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; morning sermon and prayer, 11 a. m. All are cordially invited.

## NEW DEPARTMENTS

### Two New Features to be Tried Soon at the Helping Station.

Two new enterprises of considerable interest and possible importance are announced by Mrs. Amelia Jensen, municipal nurse, in connection with the Helping Station. There has been a need for a day nursery for some time, also a bureau to assist in bringing together people who need work and people who need workers. An attempt will be made to fill both.

It is hoped that arrangements will have been completed by the first of next week so that mothers who wish to leave their children for a few hours or through the day may do so. This will be a convenience to women with small children who are working or who wish to go shopping, etc.

The problem of matching up the supply and demand in the household labor market is an acute one. This applies to work by the hour or day even more than to regular employment.

It is thought that the establishing of a central directory will be of great assistance to housewives who need occasional help, as well as to those women who desire work a part or all of the time. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction to both.

Both enterprises are laudable and deserve hearty support.

#### FLORAL DISPLAY

For the holiday season the Irving N. Ward Nursery has arranged to have a downtown display of plants and flowers suitable for gifts. The stock will be installed next week in the building occupied by the A. N. Adams real estate office. Potted plants of various kinds and cut flowers will be on sale, as well as Christmas trees.

#### C. E. ELECTION

On Monday night the young people of the Christian Endeavor Society held their annual business meeting for the election of officers, at the home of Miss Ruth and Mr. Sidney Cornuelle. Officers elected for the ensuing year are:

President, Sidney Cornuelle. Vice-President, Miss Avis Preston. Secretary, Miss Hilda Caley. Treasurer, Earl Littell. Corresponding secretary, Miss Gertrude Cook. Social Chairman, Miss Fitzackerly. Look-Out Chairman, Miss Ruth Cornuelle.

Prayer Meeting, Miss Marion Decker. Missionary, Miss Portia Ulrich. Pianist, Miss Anna Janson. Junior Supt., Miss Portia Ulrich. Assistant, Isabelle Stevens.

The business meeting was followed by a very pleasant social in which the members dressed dolls, and made up scrap books for the poor children in the hospitals and Mexican slums of Los Angeles. Dainty refreshments of chocolate, sandwiches and wafers were served at the end of the evening.

#### HOME OF TRUTH

"The Coming Age," will be the subject of the discourse at the Home of Truth on Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Harriet C. Hamor conducting the service. Everyone is cordially invited. Sunday School at two o'clock. All children welcome.

Beginning tomorrow evening the Saturday night moving picture programs at the clubhouse will begin at seven-thirty instead of eight o'clock as in the past. There will be six reels, including the regular installment of the "Perils of Pauline." Owing to lack of patronage the Wednesday evening programs will be discontinued, at least until after the holidays.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF THE O.E.S.

Public installation ceremonies were observed by Sierra Madre chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, No. 299, on Monday evening. The impressive ritual work was witnessed by members of the chapter and a large number of visitors. Later the company gathered about the banquet table for an enjoyable hour. The following officers were duly installed for the coming year:

Mrs. Sylvia Merrill—Worthy Matron. Mr. Geo. Coapman—Worthy Patron. Mrs. Sadie Pascoe—Asst. Matron. Mrs. Lodena M. Coapman—Secretary.

Mrs. Maggie Steinberger—Treasurer. Mrs. Hortense Hill—Conductress. Mrs. Katherine Brown—Asst. Conductress.

Mrs. Anne Leaming—Chaplain.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walker—Marshal.

Mr. Stanley Pascoe—Organist.

The Five Points of the Star:

Mrs. Emma Stevens—Ada.

Mrs. Mary Bush—Ruth.

Mrs. Mary Gay—Esther.

Mrs. Martha Powell—Martha.

Miss Bertha Benesh—Electa.

Mrs. Emma Kersting—Warden.

Mr. John Thompson—Sentinel.

Guests of honor who took part in the ceremonies: The installing officer, Mrs. Sarah Piper, past matron of the Highland Park Chapter; Mrs. Cochran Piper, chaplain, and Mrs. La Van Walkingshaw, past matron of Highland Park Chapter, who assisted as marshal; Mrs. Lucille Manchester, past matron of the South Pasadena Chapter and District Deputy Grand Matron for this district; Mr. Isobel, worthy patron of the Highland Park Chapter.

After the program the guests marched down to the banquet room, where six long tables decorated with poinsettias, were prettily arranged across the dining room. The new officers and guests of honor, sat at the head table, and Mr. J. A. Patterson of Hollywood, acted as master of ceremonies. A pretty jewel was presented to Mrs. Alice Sokol, retiring matron, as a memento of her faithful work for the order, and Mr. S. H. Spafford, retiring patron, received a beautiful Masonic signet ring. A handsome bouquet of pink roses was presented to Mrs. Roth, and bouquets of Cecil Brunner roses, were given to Mrs. Piper and Mrs. Walkingshaw by Mrs. Sokol, presented Mrs. Manchester and Mrs. J. A. Patterson with handsome baskets of flowers. About eighty-five guests were present at the banquet, which was in charge of Mrs. W. E. Walker.

#### SAVE DEER BY FRIGHT

The following story comes from Pasadena and may or may not be true:

Inspired by love for wild animals, an unknown resident of Pasadena has carried out a project which is believed to be absolutely unique. Two days before the opening of the deer season last August this person employed several men with rifles and blank cartridges to tramp through the hills back of Pasadena and frighten the deer into the less accessible regions where they would have a better chance for their lives as well as to make them wary of the sight of hunters and the sound of guns.

The project, which is said to have been successful, was kept secret at the time and was only divulged last evening by President J. A. B. Scherer, of Throop college, in his address at the memorial services for Dr. E. L. Conger. President Scherer said that in the last conversation he ever had with the venerable head of the humane society he informed the latter of what had been done.

"Dr. Conger's chuckle of mirth is one of the things I will long remember," said the speaker.

Dr. Scherer declined to enlarge upon his story by giving the name of the man who carried out the extraordinary hunting campaign. He said, however, that the reports of unusually poor hunting back of Pasadena early this fall were believed to be in part attributable to the scheme.

#### WOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAM

Next Monday's program at the regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be a musical program in charge of Mrs. B. H. Kuhn, assisted by Mrs. H. F. Hawxhurst. Members are urged to bring their friends as a treat is in store for them. The committee has provided a varied list of selections which will be as follows:

Tenor selection Mr. Arthur Brick.

Roman Dance.

Reading, Miss Evans.

"My Heart, at Thy Sweet Voice," (from Samson and Delilah), Miss Bessie Franklin.

Piano, Miss Eunice Landrom.

Oriental Dance, Miss Carol Demster.

"Spring Song," (Becker), Miss Bessie Franklin.

"Caprice Espagnol (Moszkowski), Miss Glenora Zink.

This being an open meeting of the club, the program will be free to all.

## The Spirit of Christmas

Will be charmingly shown by gifts from our stock. Cold type can give some idea of the range of our goods but can convey little conception of their unusual quality. If you have not called here you probably do not realize there is such a shop in Sierra Madre.

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"Thoughtful Little Gifts" is the slogan of the Pohlson Galleries, away back at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, whence we have received an assortment of interest to the feminine heart. Pohlson is a name signifying a rare combination of originality and good taste to those who have inspected our stock of these charming things.

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SACHETS have been used since the flood and always will be used. There is an astonishing variety here, little bags quaintly fashioned from dainty materials, odd little boxes, jars and chests, filled with real flowers of the rose, lavender, and other sweet scented things, giving lasting and delightful fragrance. Prices range from 40c to \$2, but mostly about 50 and 75c.

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Quaint and dainty is a miniature bandbox containing an exquisite cut glass bottle filled with the old fashioned lavender salts. It appeals to every woman on sight.

Another novelty is a bamboo bottle, filled with a rose potpourri, emitting the most delicious scent imaginable, and tied with lavender ribbon. Suspended in the room it scents the whole place.

Another exquisite novelty is a satin lined work box, in the form of a small bandbox. Its appeal is irresistible.

Entirely practical and yet very attractive are the Pohlson skirt hangers, affording means of suspending skirts from hooks or nails in perfect order.

Folding coat hangers in leather cases would be useful for men or women.

Leather collar boxes for the suitcase are a necessity for every man.

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time after at least two-thirds of the  
people of England were denuded of all  
the substantial attributes of freedom.  
The lords had the absolute disposal of  
them. They might be attached to the  
soil or transferred by deed, sale or con-  
veyance from one lord to another.  
They could not change their place or  
hold property—in short, they were  
slaves under their obligation of per-  
petual servitude, which the consent of  
the master alone could dissolve. The  
system was not fairly abolished until  
the reign of Charles II. and so late as  
1775 men were bought and sold in  
Scotland with the estates to which they  
were bound.

**Vocabularies.**

A well educated person who has been  
at high school and university uses  
from 3,000 to 4,000 words, but the  
average individual can get along with  
1,000. Shakespeare made use of 15,000  
and in Milton's works 8,000 are used.  
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says all that it has to say with 5,642  
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**Brief Items of Interest**

E. N. Mead is recovering from a  
severe illness of several weeks.

Mrs. H. G. Flint of Hynes was the  
guest of Mrs. George Coapman on Fri-  
day.

Mrs. J. W. Keys of Pasadena was the  
guest of friends at the bazaar on Fri-  
day.

Miss Celia Perry of Los Angeles was  
the week-end guest of Miss Etta Dick-  
son.

Miss Ruby Wright of Glendale spent  
the week-end in Sierra Madre visiting  
old friends.

Allan T. Gay has been seriously ill  
the past week but is reported some-  
what better.

Miss Rena Hathorn is spending sev-  
eral days this week in Redondo vis-  
iting friends.

Mrs. M. J. Tribble, spent several days  
this week in Los Angeles, as the guest  
of Mrs. E. Tribble.

Mrs. Jennie Smith of Long Beach  
was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S.  
Kersting this week.

Miss Etta Dickson is an added mem-  
ber of the postoffice force during the  
usual Christmas rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Banks and little  
daughter are now occupying their new  
bungalow on Highland avenue.

The Modern Priscillas were delight-  
fully entertained at the home of Mrs.  
C. H. Baker yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Webner was the guest  
of Mrs. W. J. Saunders at the Ruskin  
Club, Los Angeles, on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. L. Yerxa had as luncheon  
guests Mrs. T. E. Yerxa, and Mrs.  
Bushman of Minneapolis on Friday.

The Dickens fellowship held a very  
delightful meeting at the home of Mrs.  
C. C. Nourse on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Weeks of Des Plaines, Ill.,  
is visiting her cousin, Miss A. M.  
Greene, and will spend the winter here.

Mrs. J. Raymond Thorpe of Scenic  
Point has as her guest her grand-  
mother, Mrs. Mary Harris of Los An-  
geles.

Mrs. L. A. Stolp of Orange spent  
Thursday in Sierra Madre looking af-  
ter her property here and other busi-  
ness interests.

Mrs. L. E. Jewett returned this week  
from a several months' visit in the  
east. She is accompanied by her sis-  
ter, Mrs. Jones.

Dr. and Mrs. George E. Blair of Los  
Angeles were Sunday dinner guests of  
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ballou and the  
Misses Woodward.

Miss Lenore Morgan was the week-  
end guest of Miss Jessie Templeton of  
Los Angeles, and attended a party  
given by Miss Templeton.

New arrivals at Cypress court this  
week are Mr. J. Gillilan of Los An-  
geles, W. Haugh, Miss Haugh and  
Miss McCallum of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Martha B. Main of Mira Monte  
avenue, mother of Mrs. Florence Cam-  
eron, was taken with a severe stroke  
the early part of the week and is se-  
riously ill.

Mrs. J. T. Mason has issued invita-  
tions to friends for a bridge luncheon  
on December 16th, to meet Mrs. Bos-  
worth of Chicago, sister of Mrs. New-  
man Essick.

On Wednesday Mrs. W. J. Saunders  
was the guest of Mrs. S. M. Grens of  
Los Angeles at the Majestic Theater,  
where they saw the Shakespearean  
play, Hamlet.

H. Gordon MacWilliams and family  
of New Rochelle, N. Y., have rented  
Mrs. Kuhn's bungalow on North Lima  
street and will spend the winter in  
Sierra Madre.

On Saturday Mrs. Frank Webner  
entertained the ladies of the Dickens  
Fellowship very pleasantly at her  
home on Highland avenue. She will  
entertain informally on Saturday af-  
ternoon.

The Eleven and One Club held a  
very pleasant meeting at the home of  
Miss Verna Tribble, on San Gabriel  
street, on Tuesday evening. A social  
evening was spent toasting marshmal-  
lows by the fireplace and doing needle-  
work.

Mrs. Howard Hill entertained at  
luncheon on Tuesday in honor of Mrs.  
Ament of Claremont who addressed the  
Congregational Missionary society in  
the afternoon. Other guests were Rev.  
and Mrs. W. H. Stubbins and Mrs. E.  
N. Emmerson. The hostess was as-  
sisted by her daughter, Mrs. George  
B. Morgridge.

Mrs. M. Littell of Highland avenue  
has been very ill this week.

M. M. McCreary of Alhambra was a  
Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. L. D. Cornuelle.

Miss Dorothy McBane had as guests  
Miss Honriksen and Miss Scott of  
Monrovia on Saturday.

Mrs. Sidney C. Kendall of Berkeley,  
Cal., is spending the week-end with  
her sister, Mrs. J. J. Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones of Flint,  
Michigan, are the guests of Mr. and  
Mrs. M. D. Welsch this week.

Mrs. Burton Andrews of Los Ange-  
les is spending several days at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Essick of  
Central avenue returned this week  
from a trip of a few days to Phoenix,  
Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leaming, Harry  
Leaming and James Nichols spent sev-  
eral days this week at their Long  
Beach home.

Mrs. Collins Irwin has been spending  
several days this past week at the  
home of her son, Ned Collins, and fam-  
ily of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Mrs.  
Emery, and Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Emery  
of Hollywood attended the Eastern  
Star banquet on Monday evening.

Mrs. K. M. Ham gave a little tea  
on Sunday night, the guests being Mr.  
and Mrs. W. J. Lawless and Mr. and  
Mrs. Walter Jeffry of San Francisco.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. L. L.  
Krebs and Miss Annis B. Coffey as-  
sisted Mrs. William Rollins of Los An-  
geles at an art tea. Mr. Rollins gave  
an exhibition of some of his paintings  
of desert scenes.

This afternoon the following ladies  
are luncheon guests of Mrs. Keepers of  
Alhambra: Mrs. W. J. Saunders, Mrs.  
H. T. Fennel, Mrs. H. S. Wright, Mrs.  
C. H. Baker, Miss Annis B. Coffey,  
Mrs. E. T. Pierce, Mrs. J. F. Fair-  
bank, Miss Fairbank, Mrs. B. B. Bra-  
vinder, Mrs. D. Taylor, and Mrs. Frank  
Webner.

On Tuesday evening a large number  
of Sierra Madre friends attended the  
big reception given by Mrs. L. C. Tor-  
rance and Miss Katherine Torrance at  
the Ebell Clubhouse, Los Angeles. The  
affair was a coming out party for Miss  
Torrance, one of the popular debau-  
tantes of the season. About 300 guests  
enjoyed the affair, and Miss Torrance  
received many beautiful bouquets and  
baskets of flowers.

On Saturday afternoon little Mildred  
Pelletier was the charming hostess at  
a birthday party given at the home of  
her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Nightengale. The  
affair was in honor of her sixth birth-  
day, and many little friends were pre-  
sent to enjoy the games and birthday  
dinner. The table was prettily de-  
corated in pink roses and the color  
scheme used throughout was pink and  
white.

On Wednesday night, Dr. and Mrs.  
L. L. Krebs gave a jolly supper party  
to the Caste of "Are You a Mason,"  
given recently at the Episcopal Church  
bazaar. Beside the caste were the hus-  
bands and wives of those taking part,  
and later in the evening a few friends  
dropped in for the dancing. The guests  
included Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Cornell,  
Miss Lydia Webster, Mr. and Mrs.  
James Hawks, Miss Daisy Hawks, Mr.  
and Mrs. Jack Wright, Roland Adams,  
Raymond Hedderly, Miss Williams,  
Miss Yenda Appleby, Miss Landrom, Mr.  
Nordval MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. C.  
C. Montgomery, Mr. Gregory Line, Mr.  
and Mrs. H. I. Hawkshurst, Miss Blum-  
mer, Mr. E. J. Webster, Mr. Loggins,  
and Miss Powell.

Light breakfasts and lunches will be  
served at the Sierra Madre Bakery, on  
Baldwin Avenue, beginning Monday,  
Dec. 14. Coffee and doughnuts, 10c;  
Home cooked foods. Adv. 11

Ladies who have seen our array of  
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Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and  
Mrs. W. J. Lawless were Mr. and Mrs.  
Walter Jeffry of San Francisco.

Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Krebs were din-  
ner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wendt  
of Los Angeles on Sunday night.

Mrs. W. J. Lawless had as luncheon  
guests on Tuesday Mrs. J. M. Beard,  
Mrs. E. L. Yerxa and Miss Hazel  
Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dietz and Mr. and  
Mrs. W. W. Collins were dinner guests  
of Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Osgood, on Sat-  
urday night.

Miss Miranda Eunice Larry of Los  
Angeles spent the week end with Mrs.  
Colwell at Casa de Campo. She ex-  
pects to return early in January, when  
she will form a music class. Owing  
to conditions in Europe Miss Larry  
has postponed her further studies  
abroad and will spend the winter in  
Sierra Madre.

Christmas seals, tags, decorated  
gummed tape, Dennison's package  
dressings, holiday gift boxes, tinsel  
cord, gummed labels, poster stamps,  
plain and colored tissue and all the  
other things necessary to make your  
gift packages look nice. The News  
Printery.

**INFLUENCE.**

It is well to remember that  
what you have that you can't  
help but give away is your influ-  
ence.

Be in mind that your influ-  
ence is never wholly absorbed,  
nor does it disappear into nothing-  
ness. It counts again and  
again. Influence has no end.

The three greatest objects in  
life—friends, happiness, success  
—are each dependent upon prop-  
er influence. So it is good to  
know that even the humblest  
person is, after all, master of his  
own influence. He can send it  
out to scatter sunshine or shad-  
ows. It's his choice.

A man's greatest responsibil-  
ity in this world lies in the way  
he acquires and gives out his in-  
fluence.

Your influence today is sure to  
have a tremendous bearing upon  
the total work of the world.  
Your influence upon other peo-  
ple and the influence of other peo-  
ple upon you are sure to become  
a force and a factor in the com-  
plete work of your day and  
theirs.—George Matthew Adams.

**SAYINGS OF SAGES.**

Resentment seems to have  
been given us by nature for de-  
fense and for defense only. It is  
the safeguard of justice and the  
security of innocence.—Adam  
Smith.

The irresolute man is lifted  
from one place to another and  
bath no place left to reason.  
He flecks from one egg to an-  
other, so hatcheth nothing, but  
addles all his actions.—Feltham.

Where necessity ends, curiosi-  
ty begins, and no sooner are we  
supplied with everything that  
nature can demand than we sit  
down to contrive artificial appe-  
tites.—Johnson.

**RIMED QUOTATIONS.**

Sin may be clasped so close we  
cannot see its face—  
—French.

Vile intercourse where virtue  
has no place;—  
—Somerville.

Then keep each passion down,  
however dear.  
—Thomson.

Thou pendulum betwixt a smile  
and tear  
—Byron

Her sensual snares let faithless  
pleasure lay,  
—Smollett.

With craft and skill to ruin and  
betray.  
—Crabbe.

The Monrovia Steam Laundry is now  
giving Sierra Madre a daily service.

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| 1 lb. Fancy Cranberries           | .10     |
| 2 lbs. Walnuts, No. 2             | .25     |
| 2 lbs. Walnuts, No. 1             | .35     |
| 1/2 lb. pkg. Salada Ceylon Tea    | .30     |
| 2 large cans Yeloban Milk         | .15     |
| 6 lbs. Pure Oat Flakes            | .25     |
| 4 lbs. Best Pop Corn              | .25     |
| Boiling Beef, the lb.             | .12 1/2 |
| Swift's Eastern Bacon, the lb.    | .27     |
| Swift's Silver Leaf Lard, the lb. | .15     |

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Onion Sets, Seed Potatoes

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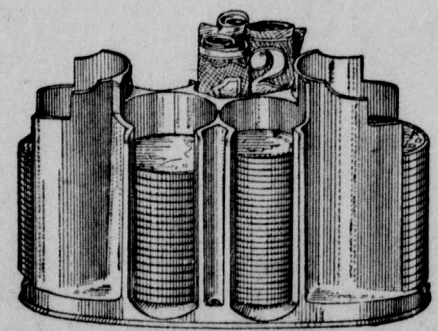
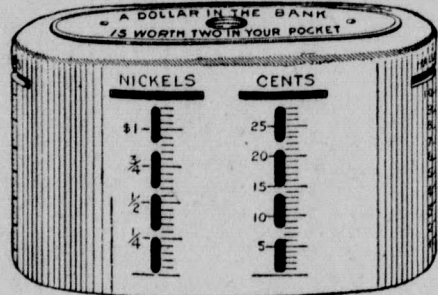
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## Economy Hints

A penny saved is a penny earned.—  
Benjamin Franklin.

**R**EMNANTS of steak or roasts may be made into delicious stews, using savory seasonings such as a little sweet marjoram, thyme, parsley, onion salt, etc. Meat may be put through meat chopper and mixed with enough cream sauce to hold it together, well seasoned, molded into croquettes, dipped in egg and crumbs and fried in deep fat.

Hash makes a tasty breakfast or luncheon dish, with the chopped meat browned slightly in butter, nicely seasoned with salt and pepper, moistened with milk as a gravy and served with toast fingers.

Remnants of boiled or fried ham may be used in various ways. For ham timbales put ham through meat grinder and mix with one raw egg to hold meat together. Line gem tins with this mixture, pressing it well against sides and bottoms and bake slightly. Take out of oven and drop in each ham lined tin an egg, returning to oven long enough to cook the eggs. Or with a bit of ham, some cheese, a few slices of stale bread, some hot ham sandwiches can be made. Mince ham, mix with grated cheese, spread on one slice of bread, cover with another, cut in two and brown on each side in hot butter. Serve hot.

Chicken shortcake is a most palatable way to serve remnants of chicken. Free it from skin and bone and cut into small pieces. Put on to heat with enough gravy to make it quite moist. Make a short biscuit dough and roll into a cake an inch thick. Bake in quick oven fifteen or twenty minutes. Then split the cake and spread the hot chicken stew over lower half. Replace upper half and pour over the whole a generous amount of gravy.

Meat loaf or a boiled shoulder of smoked pork is often desirable. There is no waste whatever with the former and practically none with the latter if utilized in the right way, while both are delicious, and when served with a good salad and simple dessert form a very tempting meal. For the meat loaf have the butcher grind one pound of lean beef and one-half pound of pork. Mix together and add salt, pepper, four ground soda crackers, a small onion, one unbeaten egg and a half cupful of milk. Stir the ingredients all together and press into a bread pan. Cover the loaf with two cupfuls of hot water and bake two hours in moderately hot oven, adding a little more water from time to time. When it is cold slice and serve on lettuce leaves with ketchup or chili sauce if desired.

Boil the shoulder of pork twenty minutes to the pound after having inserted about a dozen whole cloves in one side of the meat. When done allow it to remain in the water in which it was boiled until cold. The bone which is left with whatever meat cannot be cut from it will give an excellent flavor to string or butter beans if placed in the water with them while they are boiling, and they will then require very little butter if cream dressing is served on them.

### LINGERIE KINKS.

How to Make Practical and Beautiful Undergarments.

Although lingerie is as conspicuously negligible as possible, it receives more consideration than ever. It is important not only that each separate article shall incorporate the minimum of weight and bulk, but also that the lines of it shall be quite perfect. There must be no unnecessary fullness in petticoats to interfere with the hang of one's skirt.

There is less call for the extremely filmy lingerie than there was. Nainsook, crepe de chine and fine linen are favored, and hand embroidery or valencienne insertions are the popular trimmings. Flounces, if there are any, are made so scant that they add nothing appreciable to the width of a skirt or pantaloons.

One of the most practical of all the various innovations in lingerie is a combination skirt and corset cover that fastens all the way down, rendering it particularly convenient for laundering.

The edges are scalloped and button-holed, and there is a pretty eyelet embroidered design in Madeira handwork. The skirt is everywhere smooth fitting, while the cover has very little fullness, neatly and evenly tucked under a scalloped belt that runs only about the sides and back of the waist.

How to Repair Your Wall Paper Satisfactorily.

In many houses there are often left odd lengths of wall paper, and these should be carefully preserved. Damage may be done when moving in, or later a chair may be pushed roughly against a wall, and there is a bad tear. Get a piece of the paper, scallop the edges quite roughly and paste it over the place. The mend will be unnoticeable. But if the house is not new and the paper faded the contrast is startling. In that case put a piece of the spare wall paper out of doors in the sun for two or three days. Dampen it occasionally. All that is needed is exposure.

# The Most Merry Christmas FOR THE LEAST MONEY

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Surprise and delight are invariably expressed by shoppers when they see our display of Christmas cards for the first time. We have practically the complete lines of the publications of P. F. Volland & Co., of Chicago, and Samuel Carpenter of Philadelphia, admitted by the trade to be the most beautiful and artistic on the market. We take particular pride in being able to offer you complete assortments, suited to every taste and pocketbook.

There are postcards, cards and folders with envelopes to match, and Christmas letters. The variety is remarkable. Some are handsomely embossed or engraved. Some are printed by the very latest color processes which closely resemble hand done watercolors. Some are engraved and beautifully illuminated. Some are hand decorated. Some are big, some are little.

Greetings on these Christmas cards are as varied as the designs. In most of them the design and sentiment combine to radiate the very spirit of Christmas. Some are formal and some are intimate. Some have a touch of humor. Some have the devotional touch. All are in the best of good taste.

No matter where you go you will not find a more thoroughly satisfactory assortment to choose from.

## "MAN TO MAN" CARDS

One of the finest items in our big card assortment is the "Man to Man" series. These cards are just the sort that a man who abhors anything "fussy" wants to remember his men friends. The greetings are straight from the shoulder and whole hearted and in snappy verse form. They are beautifully and plainly engraved on finest cards with narrow French borders, with envelopes to match and sell at 15c and 20c each. Eight styles and they are going fast, as they deserve to.

## PICTURES

Our framed pictures include a number of very choice subjects. There are photographs of artistic merit, choice color reproductions of paintings, and hand done water colors. The prices range from 50c to \$6, mostly under \$3. We will be glad to pack them for shipping.

## CALENDARS IN VARIETY

As usual the Volland presses have turned out a wonderfully attractive line of calendars. They will be reminders of the Christmas greeting all through 1915. The book calendars contain a leaf for each week of the year, and comprise a charming series. Especially worth mentioning are:

**THE BEDTIME STORY CAL- ENDAR**, a collection of the charming little stories by Thornton W. Burgess, about Peter Rabbit and all other little animal friends.

**The Lavendar and Old Lace Calendar**, with a quotation for every day in the year from the writings of Myrtle Reed.

**The Dinner Calendar**, with a menu for every day in the year, with choice recipes, all indexed so as to make a comprehensive cook book.

**The Luncheon Calendar**, the Calendar of Salads and the Calendar of Desserts, all in the same style.

**The Home Lover's Calendar** and the Calendar of Daily Thoughts for Daily Thinkers.

These charming calendars are boxed and sell at 50c.

In addition there are beautiful panel calendars with reproductions of artistic paintings, and dainty little easel calendars suitable for desk use, selling at 25c, 35c and 50c.

## CHRISTMAS BOOKS

It would be hard to find a more charming little Christmas poem than "Always Christmas," by W. D. Nesbit, who tells what happened "since Christmas came to our house and never went away." We have it in a little booklet with envelope at 25c.

Then there is "The Old, Old Wish," by Nesbit, putting your Christmas greeting in a form you would like to use to some good friend. It comes in the popular Volland series of 50c books.

Uniform with the two books just mentioned there are two series of charming titles, among which you can find something to fit almost any case. Take your time to look them over. You will enjoy it.

**The Kitchen Diary** is a charming gift for people who entertain. A leaf for every day in the year, with space for memoranda of menus and grocery orders. Bound in white oilcloth, with pencil attached. 50c boxed.

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Among the new publications from the Volland Press are some of the most charming children's books ever published. Chief of these is "A Year With the Fairies," a beautiful new fairy book with 48 illustrations in exquisite colors, at \$1.50.

Then there is "Let's Pretend," some adventures of the golden age of nursery land, with fascinating illustrations in color, at \$1.00.

The story of Snip and Snap, two remarkable puppies, is told in a series of three little books at 35c each, or \$1.00 for the set boxed.

Greta and Peter are the hero and heroine of three little books similar in style to the foregoing, at 35c each, or \$1.00 for the set boxed.

We also have the popular sets telling all about Punky Dunk, the wonderful kitten, and his various friends.

## For Christmas Packages

From the Dennison Manufacturing Company we have a large assortment of the famous Dennison Package Dressings. These include seals and stickers of all sizes, enclosure cards and tags with and without strings, gummed paper tape with appropriate decorations, tinsel cord in silver, gold and colors, and fishline cord in balls for wrapping packages to ship.

Poster stamps are all the rage just now and we have two beautiful series from the Volland press. One has Christmas greetings, making them appropriate for letter mail and parcels, and the other is the "Do Not Open Till Christmas" series for packages. Twenty-four assorted stamps for 10c.

Tissue in white, red and other colors for wrapping parcels and for decorating. Crepe paper in colors also.

Dennison's Holiday boxes are the nicest for enclosing presents. They are strongly made and will stand the rough usage of shipping. We have a large assortment of sizes.

Ward's Line a Day Books take the place of a diary and are more practical. They give space for a five-year record in convenient form.

Ward's handsome line of address books, memorandums, etc., includes many desirable gifts.

## BIG STATIONERY VALUES

In these days you want to get the most for your money and when you are buying stationery this is the place to come. Our recent large shipment direct from Samuel Ward Mfg. Co. of Boston gives us the most complete stationery stock ever displayed in Sierra Madre. Moreover, the prices are down, below what we could possibly sell similar goods for if bought in Los Angeles.

Paper has been our business for a long time and we have given a lot of study to materials and surfaces. This stock represents our best judgment of paper value.

Packages vary to suit every taste, in white and colors. There are papeteries and cabinets of one or more quires with envelopes, correspondence cards, and combinations of both. There is a great variety of the most exquisite colors. There are plain and gold edges, and you can surely find a gift that would be acceptable to friends or relatives.

Stationery for gentlemen is especially provided in packages that will appeal to any man of taste. The size of the sheet and envelope is just right, and there are correspondence cards to match.

## FOUNTAIN PENS

Everyone ought to have a fountain pen. There you have a gift of elegance and usefulness, to last many years. Let us help you make a selection. If the point does not suit the person for whom you buy it, tell them to bring it back and exchange it. We give our own and the manufacturer's guarantee of satisfaction.

As to the particular kind of fountain pen to get, make it either a Waterman or a Parker. These two are the standards, standing out above all others. We have assortments of several dozen, affording you an ample selection of styles, the regular type, the self fillers, the safety and jackknife, and the transparent barrels. They come with plain barrels or mounted with gold or silver. Prices range from \$2 to \$7.50. There is no difference in writing quality, the price varying with the size of the gold pen and the amount of gold used in ornamentation.

## WRITING CASES

Tourist Tablets, cases for writing materials, make elegant and satisfying gifts. We have some remarkable values in fine leather at prices that will astonish you.

The Gift Shop by the Post Office

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# Edison Electric Holiday Bargans

Which Positively Close on December 15

THIS IS OUR GREAT

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Pay \$6.00 and Save \$5.50

An Aluminum Electric Percolator, Price - \$ 7.50

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## Any of these Appliances Make a Novel and Useful Christmas Gift

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| HEATING PAD       | TEA PLATE            |
| TOASTER STOVE     | FRYING PAN           |
| DISC STOVE        | FOOT WARMER          |
| RADIANT TOASTER   | IMMERSION HEATER     |
| CURLING IRON      | TEA POT              |
| COFFEE POT        | FOOD WARMER          |
| VIBRATOR          | SHAVING MUG          |
| VACUUM CLEANER    | TEA SAMOVAR          |
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TO LOAN—\$500 and \$1000 to loan at 8 per cent 3 years first mortgage. A. N. Adams, Black 8.

WANTED—Reliable maid wants position in private family. Call at 78 W. Highland.

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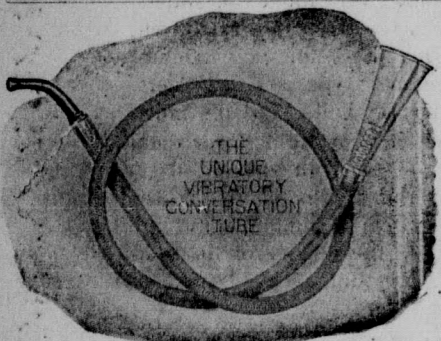
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## GOOD CHEAP LAND

Will shortly be a thing of the past. NOW is your opportunity to buy. Lands in the most famous sections of Southern Pacific for sale on 10-year terms, 1/10th cash. Ask S. P. LAND AGENCY  
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## Notice of Annual Meeting

Of stockholders of the First National Bank, Sierra Madre, California.  
Sierra Madre, Cal., Dec. 12, 1914.  
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of Sierra Madre, California, will be held at the banking rooms, S. and E. of the Kersting Building in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, A. D. 1915, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.  
11-14. F. W. NUETZEL, Cashier.



## THE UNIQUE VIBRATORY CONVERSATION TUBE

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I have used one of these tubes continuously, exclusively and satisfactorily for ten years and prefer it to all other aids to hearing. Come to my home and try it. Printed matter upon application. Price \$5.00. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

A. L. ULRICH, Agent.

234 East Santa Anita Court, Sierra Madre.

Reference: First National Bank.

## CHRISTMAS JAM



Here's a typical Christmas shopping scene in a big city. Not much fun to get your toes stepped on, your clothes mussed, your ribs squeezed, and find that the best goods have been sold out by the tired, overworked clerks, is it?

## Moral: SHOP EARLY!

Our Thoughtful Little Gifts from the Pohlson Galleries are finer and richer than ever this season. They are in a class by themselves. You must see them to appreciate them. The News Printery.

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## EDITORIAL CHAT

## UNWRITTEN LAW—

People speak of the "unwritten law" in the singular, as if there were only one. There are many, and some are better than others. Can't you find one to fit this case: A woman in police court took the hand of her husband's girl paramour, on trial with the man for violating the rooming house ordinance, and said: "I am his wife, my dear; he has wronged you more than he has wronged me. Come home with me, let me befriend you until you can get straight with life again." Wasn't that better than shooting? More of that sort of thing would take all of the romance out of the "necessary delinquencies" of men.

## TO END WARS QUICKLY—

Kings and war lords who rush to the front "to cheer their legions" have been featured much in the headlines of late. Presumably they staid at a safe distance behind the firing line while cheering. Why not reverse tactics and put these gold braid warriors out in front of the line with the troops at a safe distance behind to cheer them. Then let them fight it out. Think of the possibilities of such "rooting" for the battling kings out there between the lines! Such a war would save many lives, much property and much time. Those who make war should do the fighting. No, your imagination is not equal to that, for then there would be no war.

## Lengthening Human Life—

Medical directors and actuaries of leading insurance companies have reported recently on the effects of various factors on the length of human life as shown in the cases of 2,000,000 policy holder. Among other interesting findings they have established absolutely that the use of alcohol, moderately or to excess, shortens human life. The expectation of life among alcohol users is considerably below the average, likewise among practically every class of men employed in the manufacture and sale of liquor.

## Replacing Population—

Somewhat startling is a comparison made by the insurance experts regarding the shortening of life by the use of alcohol. They suggest that if the Russian government carries out its announced intention to abolish all traffic in alcoholic beverages the saving in human life will be enormous. Based on these recent findings they report, "It is not too much to say that the loss of 500,000 men as a result of the present warfare could be made good in 10 years through complete abstinence from alcoholic beverages by all the inhabitants of Russia."

## Other Gains—

Not only would universal abstinence greatly increase the average length of life, but the greatest immediate economic effect would come from diverting of the money now wasted on alcohol to useful and legitimate channels of trade. Thousands of families to whom alcohol has brought destitution and economic inefficiency could be restored to self respect and relative prosperity. These insurance experts were not riding a hobby when they dug up their figures, and no man can afford to disregard their warning that alcohol is practically certain to lop several years from his life unless he has the nerve to let it alone.

—G. B. M.

## Curious Laws in India.

Some of the old laws of Nepal, India, were curious. Killing cows ranked with murder as a capital offense, for instance. Every girl at birth was married with great ceremony to a betel fruit, which was then cast into a sacred stream. As the fate of the fruit was uncertain, the girl was supposed never to become a widow. To obtain divorce from a husband a wife had only to place a betel nut under his pillow and depart.

In Nepal the day is considered to begin when it is light enough to count the tiles on the roof or distinguish the hairs on a man's hand against the sky. Exchange.

## Natural Ending.

"How did the big baby show come off?" "Howling success."—Baltimore American.

Christmas greeting cards in great variety of style and price. Here you will find just the right sentiment to fit every need. The News Printery.

## GOOD HABITS.

Good habits bring a personal freedom that it is impossible to obtain otherwise. The man who has the habit of doing anything that he ought to do with clocklike regularity is saved from a galling bondage of uncertainty, hesitation, energy wasting debate with himself, renewed day after day and growing more of a burden as life advances.

For Him or for Her nothing could be nicer than a fountain pen and a box of stationery. With our large assortment of Waterman's Ideal and Parker Lucky Curve pens we can supply every one's taste. Our stationery stock is the largest and most complete ever brought to Sierra Madre. The News Printery.

## YOUR Christmas Shopping

Isn't different from other people's. That's why it will pay you, as it pays others, to

## SHOP EARLY

You get the benefit of full stocks, greater variety, unwearied salespeople.

And you help the working folks to have a

## Merry Christmas!

## For Christmas!

During the week before Christmas—December 17th to 25th, our nursery will conduct a salesroom and display in the store building at 22 North Baldwin Avenue (A. N. Adam's Real Estate Office.) You will find here a fine stock of Potted Plants in bloom, Ferns, Palms, Hanging Baskets, Violets, Roses, Carnations, Poinsettias, Holly, Holly Wreaths and

## Christmas Trees

Cut Flowers and Potted Plants make the finest kind of Christmas gifts. Order early as possible. We delivery.

## Irving N. Ward Nursery

Phone Blue 29. Nursery Cor. Mt. Trail and Laurel

## For Sale---Bargains! Improved Property

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